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Letter From the President

Happy Holidays and 2003 to all from the Executive Committee and President.

This will hopefully be a very safe and joy-filled season for all members, their families and friends. The past year has been a very active one for The Potato Association of America and its membership. With much hard work and collaboration, President Joe Guenther and his 'team' steered the association very successfully through a difficult 2001/02, a period with tragedy in the USA and an unsettling world.

Leslie Copp, Rickey Yada, Richard Tarn and the International Horticultural Society provided a spectacular opportunity for our members to interact with thousands of researchers in the beautiful city of Toronto. Among the many highlights was the outstanding efforts and contributions of our graduate student members; congratulations to all.

Our 'Vision' committee, led by Dick Sawyer, successfully completed the final steps that our association needed to begin our new journey together on the implementation of our future plans and hopes. In addition but never last or to be forgotten, PAA Administrative Associate, Lori Wing, Secretary Steve James, the various sections, journal Editorial Board and other committees are to be congratulated and thanked for providing extraordinary efforts to ensure that the PAA remains a strong and active group.

Now in our 2002/03 year, we have many new challenges and opportunities to enjoy together, some of which are very unique and exciting. For example, we have an invitation from the European Potato Research Association to discuss opportunities to strengthen our relationship with them. This will no doubt help us to reflect on our relationships globally and we hope that our many non-North American members will step forward to provide their unique perspectives and assistance. Of course, our success as an association also depends on the diligence and commitment of all members to find new members and sponsors as well as complete the goals within the various sections and committees. Let us encourage and support each other in these activities.

I also want to remind everyone that our members within the Spokane, Washington LAC are burning the candle late into the night (Bob and Larry tell me they are still at it as I get ready for bed every night) so that we will have an outstanding meeting this summer. Let's make it the biggest 'family' gathering yet.

Finally, I wish to thank all members for your kind contributions and send best wishes to all,

**Bud
H. W. "Bud" Platt
President, 2002-2003**

Dates

February 2003

5-6: NB Pot Conf & Trade Show 2003, Perth-Andover, NB, Canada. Robert Gareau: 506-276-1822.

5-6: MI Pot Ind Comm Winter Potato Conf, Grayling, MI: 517-668-8377.

6-8: WA State Pot Comm Conf & Trade Fair, Moses Lake, WA: 509-765-8845.

11-13: San Luis Valley Pot/Grain Conf & Trade Fair, Monte Vista, CO, Rick Zink: 719-754-3494, ext 11/ 12.

25-27: Central WI Potato Conf, WI Potato & Veg Growers Assn, Stevens Point, WI: 715-623-7683.

March

5-8: Chip Sem MI Potato Ind Comm, Hilton Towers, Jacksonville, FL: 517-669-8377.

April

6-9: 5th Carbohydrate Bioengrg Mtg, Groningen, Netherlands. Contact: Mrs. B. Zand Scholten: +50-363 2150; Info: cbm5@biol.rug.nl or www.biol.rug.nl/cbm5

19-25: World Potato Con-gress, Kunming, China. Info: Frank Fronck at frfronek@aol.com or 970- 352 2551.

July

26-30: Breeding & Adap-tation of Potatoes, Oulu, Finland. Info: www.spk.fi/eapr or Jari Valkonen: jari.valkonen@helsinki.fi.

News From Headquarters

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope everyone celebrated a safe and happy holiday, and for those who haven't yet, they do as well.

I have some important reminders that everyone needs to make a mental note of:

1. If you do not pay your membership fees directly, please make sure the person sending the payment encloses a copy of the invoice. There have been problems crediting the correct person because all I've received is a check. Then someone ends up not receiving their publications because of it.
2. If payment is made by bank transfer, let me know it has been paid and I'll know to watch for it on the bank statement, otherwise no credit will be given.
3. You might be sending checks in US funds (mostly Canadian), however, they are not being written on a US bank, so it is causing a delay in making deposits.

Doing these simple things will save both time and money by not having to send out duplicate reminders and taking the chance of having your membership cancelled.

Lori Wing
Administrative Assistant/
Webmaster/
PAA Insider Editor

Second Call for PAA 2003

Nominations for Honorary Life Membership

One of the highlights of each annual meeting of PAA is the recognition of persons who have contributed to the betterment of the potato industry. This recognition is made by awarding Honorary Life Memberships (HLM) in The Potato Association of America. This is the highest award bestowed by PAA.

Members of PAA are encouraged to nominate candidates for Honorary Life Membership which will be awarded at the 2003 Annual Meeting in Spokane, Washington. Honorary Life Memberships are awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to the potato industry and/or to The Potato Association of America. Contributions may be for activities related to research, extension/education, production, processing, marketing, utilization or any other facet of the potato industry.

Nominations must be submitted on the official HLM nomination form, which is available from the PAA Secretary (steven.james@oregonstate.edu), or from the PAA website <http://www.ume.maine.-edu/PAA/hlmform>.

Nomination information should include details of the nominee's education, career highlights, contributions to the potato industry and any participation in PAA. In addition, nomination information must include letters of recommendation from five supporters of the nominee. These letters must be submitted with the HLM Nomination Form. Supporters of the nominee may not be immediate associates of the individual. Selection of individuals for Honorary Life Membership will be made by the Honorary Life Membership Committee. This committee is composed of the PAA President, President Elect, Vice President, the PAA Directors and the two most recent, living Past Presidents. The immediate Past President serves as chairperson.

This is the SECOND CALL for Honorary Life Memberships. Completed HLM Nomination Forms (signed by the Nominator) and sup-

porting letters must be submitted, **no later than March 15, 2003**, to:

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Papers

This is the SECOND CALL for papers to be presented at the 87th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America. This meeting will be held August 10-14, 2003 in Spokane, Washington.

The PAA invites the submission of papers dealing with all facets of the potato industry. Members may present papers either orally or as poster papers. Researchers, extension and industry persons are invited to participate. Graduate students are also encouraged to enter the Graduate Student Competition.

Authors are required to submit abstracts for papers they wish to present, whether orally, as poster papers or in the Graduate Student Competition. Prior to submitting your abstract, please carefully read and follow the formatting guidelines published on the PAA website. The entire abstract (title, authors and body) should be no more than 2,000 characters, including spaces. **All abstract submissions should include the title, authors, presenter, presentation method, section (breeding, pathology, etc.) and if it is to be included in the Graduate Student Competition.** Submit abstracts as an e-mail attachment to steven.james@oregonstate.edu and list "PAA Abstract" as the e-mail subject.

The abstracts for all papers (oral, poster and Graduate Student Competition) presented at the Annual Meeting will be published in a post-meeting issue of the *American Journal of Potato Research*. Abstracts of papers listed in the meeting program, but not presented, will not be published in the AJPR.

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Second Calls for PAA 2003

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At the annual meeting, all oral paper presentations will be of a uniform 15-minute length. Authors should plan a 12 to 14-minute presentation with the balance of time devoted to questions. Slide and electronic projectors will be available. Overhead projector presentations are discouraged. Electronic presentations are highly encouraged and must be prepared in Microsoft PowerPoint 2000 format or lower (the only acceptable software). Presenters must save their presentations on a CD which has been clearly marked with presenter's name and presentation title. The CD must be delivered to the audio/visual desk at the conference no later than 5:00 pm on the day before the scheduled presentation. Projectionists/computer operators will be available to load the presentation into the laptop computer available for each session.

Following the presentation, at the end of the session, your CD will be available for pick up from the projectionist or session moderator. Please note: It will not be possible for presenters to use their own laptop computers for presentations in sessions due to insufficient time between talks to disconnect and reconnect computers. A visual viewing room will be available to help you prepare for your presentation. Contact Dr. Rick Knowles, WSU, by email at rknowles@wsu.edu or by phone at (509) 335-3451, 10 days prior to meeting if special audio/visual requirements are necessary.

Overhead, slide and electronic projectors will be available. Display boards (**4 ft by 4 ft**) will be provided for the poster papers.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is March 15, 2003. Abstracts submitted after that date will be returned because of the time required to organize the program prior to the meeting.

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Graduate Student Competition Papers

This is the **SECOND CALL** for papers to be entered in the Graduate Student Awards Competition to be held at the 87th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America. This meeting will be held August 10-14, 2003 in Spokane, Washington.

The purpose of the Graduate Student Awards Competition is to promote graduate student participation in The Potato Association of America through presentation of research papers at the Annual Meeting. Participants are also encouraged to submit manuscripts for publication in the *American Journal of Potato Research*.

General Information

1. The author must be a current (or recent) graduate student at the time the abstracts are due (**March 15, 2003**). At least one co-author on the abstract must be a member of the PAA.
2. First place winners from previous PAA meetings are not eligible to participate.
3. Research reported must have been done while a graduate student.
4. The paper must be orally presented. Poster papers and symposium presentations do not qualify for the Graduate Student Awards Competition.
5. Only one presentation by a student may be entered into the Graduate Student Competition at a PAA meeting. The student may give other presentations that are not entered.
6. The paper must be submitted to the PAA Secretary as outlined in the First Call for Papers. The total length, including title, authors and abstract body should not exceed 2,000 characters. The author must indicate discipline and that the paper is entered in the Graduate Student Awards Competition.
7. Winners will be announced and honored at the Annual Banquet. Free banquet tickets will be provided by PAA for all graduate students participating in the Graduate Student Awards Competition.

General Criteria for Judging

Papers and presentations will be judged on the following basis.

1. Quality of research and content - 60%
2. Effectiveness of presentation - 40%

Awards

Five awards will be presented in the amounts of \$350 for first place, \$250 for second place, \$150 for third place, \$100 for fourth place, and \$100 for fifth place.

For more information, contact:

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**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE
The 87th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association Of America**

**Spokane PAA 2003
“Back to Tradition”**

**August 10-14, 2003
Red Lion Hotel at the Park Spokane, WA
(formerly WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park)
Hosted by Washington State University &
Washington State Allied Potato Industry Organizations**

Dear Colleague:

August 2003 is fast approaching, and we hope you are making plans to attend the 87th Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America to be held August 10-14, 2003 in Spokane, Washington at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park (formerly the WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park). The conference site is located in the heart of Spokane with easy access to River Front Park, the location of the 1974 World's Fair, fabulous shopping, restaurants, and entertainment. Here is a list of what is provided within this announcement to assist you with making arrangements to attend:

1. Preliminary Agenda
2. Conference Registration Form/Special Events & Tours Registration Form (one sheet)
3. Hotel and Travel Information
4. Alaskan Cruise Information
5. Other Conference Specific Information

Everyone with Internet access is requested to use the conference webpage whenever possible. You can submit your abstract, register for the conference and tours, find out about airline, hotel and other travel arrangements, all on-line. So take a moment to pull up the web site and add it to your bookmark list. The address is: **www.paa2003.wsu.edu**

Please feel free to contact us at our email address as well: paa2003@wsu.edu.

If you are interested in seeing what the Eastern Washington area offers, please visit www.visitspokane.com. This website contains a great deal of information on activities and landmarks you might find interesting.

August weather in Spokane is warm but pleasant. Informal dress will be appropriate throughout the conference and all social functions. However, you may want to bring a jacket or sweater for possible cool evenings and air-conditioned areas. Tennis shoes for the tours are a must.

The Symposium “Recent Advances in the Physiology of Tuberization & Dormancy” and afternoon breakout sessions

will feature speakers recruited for their expertise. So make plans to join us.

**See you in Spokane!
Robert E. Thornton
Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chair**

Conference Theme

The PAA 2003 theme is *Back to Tradition*. Three days of stimulating paper sessions will be kicked off with a dynamic symposium entitled, “Recent Advances in the Physiology of Tuberization and Dormancy” sponsored by the Physiology Section of the PAA.

Conference Purpose

The objective of the annual meeting is to provide a forum for the presentation of new scientific information, to conduct business of the association, and fellowship among colleagues. The 2003 meeting will be the 87th annual meeting of the association.

Who Should Attend

The annual meeting of the PAA is typically made up of the following delegates: academics/scientists, extension/certification specialists, students, honorary life members, consultants, corporate and potato industry representatives and private entrepreneurs.

Conference Structure

The format and agenda of meetings generally vary only slightly from year to year. However, PAA 2003 Symposium and afternoon breakout sessions will feature individual speakers recruited for their expertise. This format will allow for more extensive exchange of information. Concurrent paper session will be organized according to subject matter. The number and organization of concurrent paper sessions is determined entirely by the number and subject matter of abstract submissions.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Sunday, August 3, 2003	Pre-conference Alaskan Cruise	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Poster Viewing
Saturday, August 9, 2003		7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Visuals Viewing Area Open
5:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Northern Quest Casino and Dinner	7:30 am – 5:30 pm	Registration Desk Open
5:30 pm – 12:30 am	Dinner and Spectacular Laser Light Show on Grand Coulee Dam	8:00 am – Noon	Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, August 10, 2003		8:15 am – 10:00 am	Concurrent Sessions
8:30 am – 1:00 pm	Golf Scramble	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Coeur d'Alene and Lunch at the Elegant Clark House on Hayden Lake Tour
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	The Silver Valley Tour & Lunch at the Historic Jameson Hotel	9:00 am – 3:30 pm	A Paradise Called the Palouse Tour and Lunch
10:00 am – Noon	Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Spokane	10:00 am – 10:20 am	Break
Noon – 6:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	10:20 am – Noon	Concurrent Sessions
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch on Own	Noon – 1:30 pm	Delegates Luncheon
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Visuals Viewing Area Open	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions–Industry Oriented
2:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Break
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Welcome Reception (Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks offered)	3:20 pm – 5:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions–Industry Oriented
Monday, August 11, 2003		6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Barbeque in Riverfront Park
6:30 am – 8:00 am	Extension Section Meeting	Wednesday, August 13, 2003	
6:30 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	6:30 am – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Visuals Viewing Area Open	7:30 am – 10:00 am	Registration Desk Open
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Proposed North Idaho/Montana Guided Fishing Tour
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Symposium "Recent Advances in the Physiology of Tuberization & Dormancy"	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Agricultural Research Tour & Lunch-WSU Davenport Research Farm/Spokane Hutterian Brethren Farm
9:00 am – Noon	Historic Spokane's "Age of Elegance" Tour	Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch on Own
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Break	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene
10:20 am – Noon	Symposium continued	12:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Silverwood Theme Park
10:30 am – 1:30 pm	Poster Session Set-up	Thursday, August 14, 2003	
Noon – 1:30 pm	Delegates Luncheon	7:00 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Spokane Winery Tour (<i>Must be age 21/over to taste wine.</i>)	7:00 am – 10:30 am	Visuals Viewing Area Open
1:30 pm – 2:40 pm	Concurrent Sessions	7:00 am – Noon	Posters Removed
2:40 pm – 3:00 pm	Break	7:30 am – Noon	Registration Desk Open
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions	8:00 am – Noon	Executive Committee Meeting
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<u>Section Meetings</u> Breeding & Genetics Plant Protection Utilization & Marketing	8:15 am – 10:00 am	Concurrent Sessions
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<u>Section Meetings</u> Physiology Certification	10:00 am – 10:20 am	Break
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Dinner on Own	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Kirtland Cutter Architectural Tour & Lunch at the Davenport Hotel
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Poster Session (authors present)	10:20 am – Noon	Concurrent Sessions
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Poster Reception (Pacific Northwest refreshments/beer/wine served)	Noon – 1:30 pm	Delegates Luncheon
Tuesday, August 12, 2003		1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Glass Blowing and Wine Tasting Tour (<i>Must be age 21/over to taste wine.</i>)
6:30 am – 8:00 am	Production & Management Section Meeting	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Business Meeting
6:30 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Awards Reception
		7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Awards Banquet
		9:30 pm	Conference Concludes
		Friday, August 15, 2003	
		8:00 am – 5:00 pm	White Water Rafting–Clark Fork River Lunch (Class Three FamilyFun)
		8:00 am – 8:00 pm	Walla Walla Wine Tour with Lunch & Dinner (<i>Must be age 21/over to taste wine.</i>)
		Sunday, August 17, 2003	
			Post-conference Alaskan Cruise

Conference Structure, cont.

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Posters

Posters play a significant role in disseminating scientific information. On Monday evening, the Poster Session will include a reception featuring Pacific Northwest themed refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. This will give participants an opportunity to interact with poster presenters, who will be stationed at their posters.

Important Notice: In keeping with other scientific conference structures, the size format of posters has been changed from 4' x 8' to 4' x 4' for PAA 2003. ONLY 4' x 4' POSTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Sponsors

Multiple sponsors are being invited to contribute financial support and technical assistance. If you wish to become a sponsor, contact Sam Thornton at 1-509-764-2243, or Dave Ingersoll at 1-509-793-1114, of the LAC Financial Committee. Sponsors enlisted prior to **April 30, 2003** will be recognized in the final program.

HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

PAA 2003 Meeting Site:
Red Lion Hotel at the Park
(formerly WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park)
201 W. North River Drive
Spokane, WA 99201
Reservation Line: 1-800-325-4000
Direct Line: 1-509-326-8000 - Fax: 1-509-325-7324

From a slate stone entryway to the granite fireplace, the lobby at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park welcomes you with warmth and friendliness. The Honduras Mahogany, rich décor and lush plants and greenery invite you to sit, relax and enjoy, as does the heated indoor pool. The staff – from the valet parking to room service – is there to ensure that you receive the ultimate in customer service. Please visit the hotel's website at www.westcoasthotels.com and follow the links to see the facility.

Rates:

\$103.00 Guestroom Single/Double Occupancy (plus tax).
\$114.00 Guestroom Double/Triple Occupancy (plus tax).

Reservations are to be made directly with the hotel by calling their **toll-free reservation line at 1-800-325-4000** or their **direct line at 1-509-326-8000** advising the reservation specialist that you are with The Potato Association of America Annual Meeting.

Rooms are being held from August 9, 2003 - August 14, 2003 for PAA 2003 participants.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO JULY 9, 2003

Check-In time is 3:00 pm and Check-Out time is 11:00 am

Travel Arrangements can be made with

Neely's Travel Services, Inc.

The official travel agency of PAA 2003!

A special airfare package has been arranged with **Northwest Airlines** for PAA 2003 participants. Contact Renee Jensen at 1-208-882-2723 or email her at renee@neelystravel.com to arrange reservations.

Neely's Travel can also arrange **hotel reservations** with the site hotel or other hotels in the immediate area, as well as, rental car reservations.

The travel agency's website www.neelystravel.com has a special link created exclusively for PAA participants which contains information on many of the **tours** offered for PAA 2003, as well as, **other area information**. Information is also available, via their website, about the **Alaskan Cruise**, which is being offered both pre and post-conference.

Neely's Travel Service, Inc.

Is pleased to offer the

Potato Association of America Convention

The following:

Alaska Norwegian Cruise Line Package

Sailing Dates

August 3, 2003 Or August 17, 2003

Ports of Call:	Arrive:	Depart:
Seattle, Washington		4:00pm Sunday
Cruise the Inside Passage	—	— Monday
Juneau, Alaska	1:00pm	10:00pm Tuesday
Skagway, Alaska	7:00am	9:00pm Wed
Cruise Glacier Bay	—	— Thurs
Ketchikan, Alaska	6:00am	12:30pm Friday
Victoria, BC	7:00pm	Midnight Saturday
Seattle, Washington	7:00am	

Disembarkation usually begins two hours after docking.

Pricing Guide

Category G: Ocean View Stateroom with Porthole

Ocean View stateroom with two lower beds, which can be converted into a king, sitting area and large Porthole. These cabins are found on the Biscayne deck.

Either Sailing: \$ 1,399.14 per person

Category BD: Ocean View Stateroom with Balcony

Ocean View stateroom with two lower beds, which can be converted into a king, sitting area and floor-to-ceiling glass door opens to private balcony.

These cabins are located on the Norway and Fjords deck.

Either Sailing: \$ 1,649.14 per person

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Alaskan Cruise Package

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Fares include all port charges, federal taxes, and fees. These prices are cruise only prices from Seattle. They do not include gratuities, shore excursions, or on board ship purchases. Prices are based on double occupancy.

For more information and to book your passage on this fabulous cruise, please contact Renee Jensen at Neely's Travel by phone at: 1-509-882-2723, by e-mail renee@neelys-travel.com or visit their webpage at www.neelystravel.com.

SPECIAL EVENT & TOUR DESCRIPTION

Northern Quest Casino & Dinner: Travel to the new Northern Quest Casino for gambling on over 425 machines, plus black jack, craps, roulette, live keno and poker games. Cost: \$16.00 per person includes transportation, guide and all you can eat buffet. Time: 5 hrs.

Barbecue & Spectacular Laser Light Show on Grand Coulee Dam Tour: Travel through Eastern Washington's rich farm country on the way to Grand Coulee Dam, the largest concrete structure in the United States. Stop for dinner before arriving at the dam. There is time to tour the visitor's center before the Laser Light Show that is narrated and accompanied by music. Cost: \$50.00 per person includes transportation, guide and dinner. Time: 7 hrs.

The Silver Valley Tour & Lunch at the Historic Jameson Hotel: Get a realistic glimpse of the old mining days on the way to the richest silver mining district on earth. Stop at Cataldo Mission, the oldest building in the State of Idaho. Then to Wallace, the silver capital of the world. Ride the trolley up to the Sierra Silver Mine, go into the mine, see the veins of ore and learn how the miners worked. Lunch is at the beautifully restored Jameson Hotel. After lunch, tour the Bordello Museum an actual old bordello that recently was reopened to show you what really made Wallace famous. Cost: \$55.00 per person includes transportation, guide, lunch and admission to Cataldo Mission, Sierra Silver Mine, Bordello Museum. Time: 7 hrs.

Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Spokane: Stroll the paths of our early settlers starting at Riverfront Park and the downtown core. At the Spokane Falls hear the legend Native Americans tell of its formation. Hear the fascinating story of Kirtland Cutter who designed many of the buildings located here in the 1800's including the famous Davenport Hotel. Look through the Steam Plant constructed in 1915, it provided steam heat and electric power for downtown Spokane until 1986. Its twin 225 ft. smoke stacks were hand formed, using 333,340 bricks. Return to the hotel or stay and have

dinner at the Steam Plant Bar & Grill or The Davenport Hotel. Cost: \$9.00 per person includes tour guide. Time: 2 hrs.

Golf Scramble: Enjoy a fun golf competition with other PAA members, their families and friends at one of the Pacific Northwest's premier golf courses. Teams will be divided evenly with beginner, intermediate, and handicap level players. Prizes will be given out at the end. Cost: \$45.00 per person includes transportation, green fees and cart. Clubs can be rented at tee time. Time: 4-½ hrs.

Historic Spokane's "Age of Elegance" Tour: Enjoy a tour of the rich history of homes and attractions in Spokane as you travel past Spokane Falls, learning about where the city began, along the grounds of the former Expo 74 site, now Riverfront Park. Then up the hill where views of the city, beautiful mansions and the majestic Saint John's Cathedral are located. Discover Manito Park strolling through the formal sunken gardens, authentic Japanese Gardens and flower-filled conservatory. See the historic area of Brown's Addition where many of the old mansions are being restored to their original splendor. Tour the Crosbyanna Room at Gonzaga University to see Bing Crosby memorabilia. Cost: \$17.00 per person includes transportation and guide. Time: 3 hrs.

Spokane Winery Tour: Washington is the second largest wine producing state in the U.S. and you'll have the opportunity to sample some of their award winning wines. First stop is Latah Creek, heralded by *Wine Spectacular Magazine* as one of the top producers of Merlot. Tour the winery, taste and shop in their extensive gift shop. Next, Arbor Crest Winery - this national historic landmark is perched on a rock 450 feet above the Spokane River and gives a panoramic view of the countryside. The last stop is Mountain Dome, Washington's premier sparkling winery, located in the foothills of Mt. Spokane. Learn the secret of Methode Champenoise. (*Must be 21/over to taste wine.*) Cost: \$23.00 per person includes transportation and guide. Time: 3 hrs.

Coeur d'Alene and Lunch at the Elegant Clark House on Hayden Lake: Travel to Coeur d'Alene to look through the quality antique shops, stroll along the worlds, longest floating boardwalk and look through the five-star Coeur d'Alene Resort. Then, travel to Hayden Lake for lunch at the fabulous Clark House. At the time it was built it was the most expensive home in the State of Idaho. Listen to the intriguing story of the man who lived there, how he mysteriously disappeared and the history of the home before departing. Cost: \$58.00 per person includes transportation, guide and lunch. Time: 6 hrs.

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Special Events & Tours, cont.

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A Paradise Called the Palouse Tour: Travel through Eastern Washington's rich Palouse Country and learn about the agricultural products and practices that make this region one of the world's foremost farming areas. Visit the farm of a fourth generation family that has been involved in wheat production since the mid-1800s. Next, stop for lunch at a quaint farmhouse. After lunch, travel to the top of Steptoe Butte for a view that looks like a giant crazy quilt of colors and textures as a result of the various crops produced in the surrounding area. Hear about Col. George Wright and the area's Indian Tribe's historic battle in 1858. Take a scenic drive back to the hotel. **Cost: \$45.00 per person includes transportation, guide and lunch in a private home. Time: 6-½ hrs.**

Agricultural Research Tour & Lunch: Visit the Washington State University dry land Research Farm at Davenport, Washington and the Spokane Hutterian Brethren Farm nearby. Have lunch at the Research Farm and tour their research unit then travel to the Hutterian Brethren Farm to visit their seed certification operation and witness their unique lifestyle. **Cost: \$25.00 per person includes transportation and lunch. Time: 7 hrs.**

Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene: Travel to Idaho for a 90-minute cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene. National Geographic reports this as one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. Along the way pass by the now famous floating green at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course. After the cruise there is free time for shopping and strolling along the Resort's boardwalk. **Cost: \$34.00 per person includes transportation, guide and 90 minute public cruise. Time: 4 hrs.**

Silverwood Theme Park: Travel to the Northwest's largest theme park with over 50 amusement rides and attractions. Don't miss Tremors, the newest and fastest roller coaster in the Northwest. This wild ride hits speeds of 60 miles per hour and there's a 103-foot drop that takes you blasting underground three times before it is over. There's also water rides like Thunder Canyon, Log Flume and Bumper Boats. Take a ride on the park's steel roller coaster the Corkscrew which turns its occupants completely upside down. For the little ones, go to Tiny Town and playground for kids including its own mini-roller coaster. Adjacent to the rides is a turn of the century Victorian mining town motif with a steam train, restaurants and entertainment. **Cost: \$37.00 Adults, \$25.00 Seniors 65+ and Youth 3-7, Kids 2 and under are free (per person) includes**

transportation, guide and pass for all rides and entertainment at the park. Time: 6 hrs.

Kirtland Cutter Architectural Tour and Lunch at the Davenport Hotel: During the late 1800's tremendous wealth poured into Spokane from mining, railroading and real estate development. The wealthy spent their fortunes building lavish mansions and fortunately for them, Kirtland Cutter, who has studied art and then drifted through Europe making sketches of buildings, ended up in Spokane. After the great fire of 1889, Cutter started to work as an architect. See several of the structures and experience the greatness of his man's creations. You will see the Monroe Street Bridge, the Chronicle Building and other Cutter buildings. Travel through historic Brown's Addition and see Patsy Clark Mansion, built in 1898. Cutter was authorized to spend \$1,000,000 and he drew from research around the world to complete this elegant home. Lunch will be at the beautiful Davenport Hotel; built in the early 1900's it is also another Cutter masterpiece. **Cost: \$50.00 per person includes transportation, guide and lunch at the Davenport Hotel. Time: 5 hrs.**

Glass Blowing and Wine Tasting: Travel to the studio of Spencer Ehrlendson where you'll discover the art of glassblowing. See a demonstration of how glass is heated, blown and shaped into an object of art. His work is included in collection throughout the world and his studio displays some of his beautiful pieces. Next to Coeur d'Alene to visit and taste wine at a premiere winery. You'll have free time to look through the quality antique shops and stroll along the world's longest floating boardwalk. *(Must be 21/ over to taste wine.)* **Cost: \$25.00 per person includes transportation, guide and wine tasting. Time: 3 ½ hrs.**

White Water Rafting on the Clark Fork River and Lunch: Travel to Idaho to experience class three rapids on the Alberton Gorge Section of the Clark Fork River. All age and experience levels welcome. Visit www.trailadventures.com and click on the Alberton Gorge link to view photos of the action. **Cost: Adults 12+ \$80.00 and Youth Under 12 \$70.00 per person includes transportation, lunch, equipment and guide. Time: 9 hrs.**

Walla Walla Wine Tour with Lunch & Dinner: Travel through some of Eastern Washington's premiere wine country. Winery hopping in the Walla Walla Valley is an unforgettable journey. Tour some of this valley's award-winning wineries. You will visit wine tasting rooms at the former Walla Walla airport and tour Waterbrook Winery,

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Canoe Ridge, Three Rivers Winery, L'Ecole #41 and Woodward Canyon. Enjoy a hosted lunch at Mill Creek Brew Pub, voted sliver medal winner for Brew 22 at the 1999 Great American Brew Festival in Denver, CO. Dinner is hosted along the way. *(Must be 21/over to taste wine.)*
Cost: \$69.00 per person includes transportation, guide, lunch, dinner, tours and all tasting. Time: 12 hrs.

The traditional **PAA BBQ** is to be catered by one of Spokane's premiere BBQ specialists and will be held in a private area of Riverfront Park with entertainment by "The Cellars" a musical group of potato industry colleagues. **\$23.00 per person includes transportation, entertainment and BBQ.**

Test Your Knowledge About PAA Meeting Locations

As I was reading the newspaper this morning, I noticed today, as always, that the sports section—a section I usually skip—was filled with almost countless numbers of statistics about games and players. Some sports fans can rattle off numerous statistics about their favorite teams. I can't even tell you the number of teams in any sports league, except maybe the local high school basketball conference.

The Site Selection Committee is always interested in visiting with people who are willing to host the annual PAA meeting. However, it's likely not many PAA members know much about past meeting sites—I didn't until I became involved in the Site Selection Committee—and if maybe they should be thinking about hosting a meeting. I've been wanting to let the members know about past meeting sites, and these sports statistics gave me an idea on how to do this.

I hope you'll have some fun learning about where our association has met over the past several decades by answering the following questions. Also, think about hosting a meeting if one hasn't been in your area for a long time. You'll find the answers—at least the ones I think are correct—and explanations elsewhere in this newsletter, but first have some fun answering the questions. You can learn more about past meeting locations by logging onto the PAA website, but first try answering the questions.

1. What year did the PAA first meet?
a. 1904 b. 1914 c. 1924
2. What state has hosted the most meetings?
a. Colorado b. Michigan c. Wisconsin

3. How many meetings has the state in question 2 hosted?
a. 7 b. 6 c. 5
4. When did the PAA hold two meetings in the same calendar year?
a. 1936 b. 1946 c. 1956
5. What state has hosted three meetings with two of the meetings spaced 63 years apart?
a. Missouri b. New Jersey c. Washington
6. How many times has the PAA met at the same location two years in a row?
a. 2 b. 3 c. 4
7. In what years did the PAA not hold annual meetings?
a. 1917 – 1920 b. 1942 – 1945 c. 1950 – 1953
8. How many states and provinces have hosted only one meeting?
a. 10 b. 12 c. 14
9. The PAA has met at how many different locations?
a. 30 b. 35 c. 40
10. What state will host the 2003 meeting?
a. Nebraska b. Oregon c. Washington

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Here are the answers to the questions about PAA meeting sites:

1. b. 1914
2. c. Wisconsin
3. a. Wisconsin has hosted 7 meetings (1918, 1919, 1924, 1953, 1960, 1976 and 1993), and New York and Ohio have hosted 5.
4. b. Meetings were held in March and December in 1946.
5. b. New Jersey has hosted meetings in 1932, 1936, and 1999.
6. b. Three states. The PAA met in Washington, D.C. in 1916 and 1917, in Wisconsin in 1918 and 1919 and in Illinois in 1946 and 1947
7. b. No annual PAA meetings were held because of World War II in 1942 – 1945.
8. a. Alberta, British Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Quebec, Texas, and Virginia have all hosted one meeting. Additionally, the PAA met once in Mexico in 1965, which makes it 11 places that have hosted only one meeting, but the question asked for the number of states and provinces. Nebraska will host a second meeting in 2004.
9. b. The PAA has met in 35 places, and to find out all the locations, log onto the PAA website.
10. c. I hope to see you in Washington in 2003.

Bill Bohl, Chair
Site Selection Committee

Endowment Fund Update

A letter was sent to honorary life members and former presidents encouraging their support of the PAA Endowment Fund. It was pointed out that the General Endowment Fund has a goal of \$200,000, with a \$50,000 corpus required prior to significant distribution of interest. Responses to the letter have been favorable

Presently, the General Endowment is about \$7,000. I feel certain that each member wants to see the PAA thrive and continue as a strong organization, furthering potato research and communication among potato people. If you choose to make a contribution, your donation will be acknowledged in the PAA *Insider* newsletter and elsewhere. Your contribution is tax deductible. The endowment contribution levels are cumulative from year-to-year and are listed below:

- Luther Burbank Club: \$10,000 or more
- Diamond Club: \$5,000 or more
- Platinum Club: \$1,000 or more
- Gold Club: \$500 or more
- Silver Club: \$100 or more
- Bronze Club: \$50 or more
- Supporter: less than \$50

Success has been achieved with the Frank Haynes Graduate Student Awards Fund, an adjunct of the overall PAA Endowment Fund. The original goal of \$15,000 to support the graduate student paper competition has already been achieved, thanks in large measure to Kathy Haynes. This is just an example of what we can do if we pull together. You have probably noticed that we have also used the Endowment Fund as an opportunity to honor deceased colleagues with memorial contributions in their name. Memorial contributions are added to the General Fund, and the appropriate family members receive notification of the contribution.

Please consider making a contribution to this worthwhile undertaking, which will help maintain the viability of our professional organization. This is a contribution that keeps on giving. Checks should be made payable to:

The PAA Endowment Fund and sent to:
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Creighton Miller, Chair
PAA Endowment Fund Committee

Donors to the PAA Endowment Fund

*Gifts made to the Endowment Fund and designated to the following areas: General PAA Endowment Fund, In Memory Of Alvin Reeves & Robert Hanneman, and the Frank L. Haynes Graduate Student Awards Fund. Contributions are cumulative, eventually qualifying the donor for the next highest recognition category. Names are listed under the current Club level they have donated at. The number(s) at the end of each name indicates where their gift was designated to. [1]-General Fund; [2]-In Memory of Alvin Reeves; [3]-In Memory of Robert Hanneman; and [4]-Frank L. Haynes Graduate Student Awards Fund.

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Members in the News

As I'm sure many of you already know, **Dr. Robert E. Hanneman, Jr.**, passed away on Friday, October 18, 2002, after a courageous 2-1/2 year battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Betty, daughter, Suzanne, and Son, Jonathan. Bob was born in Wisconsin Rapids in 1942 and received all three of his degrees at the Univ. of Wisc.-Madison, including a B.S. in Biochemistry, an M.S. in Genetics, and a Ph.D in Plant Breeding & Genetics. In 1974 he obtained a position as a Research Geneticist for the USDA, ARS in the Dept. of Hort., Univ. of Wisc.-Madison. Bob became world known for his discovery of an economically important biological isolating mechanism in potato, referred to as "Endosperm Balance Number." Bob was a member of the PAA's breeding & genetics section.

We also had another loss of a long time member, **Wayne D. Thompson**, died June 2, 2002 after a valiant struggle with cancer. His wife, Maryann, of

25 years, and two daughters, Dawn and Kali, survive him. Wayne was born in 1934 in Monte Vista, Colorado. He graduated from Adams State College in 1956 and entered the U.S. Marine Corps for 21 years. After his retirement from the service, Wayne was the Executive Director of the Colorado Potato Admin. Committee for 18 years until his illness. He was a member of the PAA certification section and a sponsor of a sustaining membership in the PAA.

If you would like to honor either, or both, of these members, consider making a gift to the PAA General Endowment Fund in their memory. Send a check and indicate in the memo section what you would like to have done. Notification will be sent to their family of your generous donation and your name will be added to the list of donors who are supporting the growth of the PAA Endowment Fund.

LAC 2002 Report

The 86th Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America was held in Toronto, Ontario, August 11-17th, in conjunction with the 26th International Horticultural Congress.

A total of 160 PAA delegates, plus 60 family members, attended the meeting, coming from 22 states, 9 provinces and 9 other countries. In addition, 23 guests from the Potato Symposium of the IHC joined PAA members at the President's Reception and Awards Banquet. The IHC was attended by a total of 2751 delegates from over 80 countries. More than 2500 oral, poster and workshop papers were presented. The four day Potato Symposium, sponsored by the PAA, consisted of 33 oral and 76 poster presentations. These papers will be published in an upcoming volume of *Acta Horticulturae*. As well, each of the seven PAA sections hosted an evening workshop, all of which were well attended. The final 'potato' event was an industry tour held Saturday August 17th, touring the Alliston area, and attended by 35 delegates.

On the financial side, almost \$42,000 (Cdn funds) was raised in support of PAA business

and social functions. Also, \$12,000 (Cdn funds), including funds from IHC and PAA, were raised in support of the IHC Potato Symposium. Monies came from a total of 14 sponsor companies and organizations. All registration, other tours, and scientific meeting facilities were handled by the IHC organization.

I would like to thank my LAC, with specific thanks going to Richard Tarn, IHC-PAA liaison; Rickey Yada, symposium convener; Greg Vallee, AV support; Eugenia Banks, industry tour organizer; and Lori Wing, Webmaster. Special thanks go to Norm Looney and Al Sullivan of the IHC.

Both Rickey Yada and Al Sullivan (president of CSHS) addressed the Annual Meeting of the PAA to express their appreciation to the PAA for participating in the IHC 2002. Rickey Yada presented a commemorative medal to the PAA from the IHC.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Copp
Chair, LAC